(e) in view of the answer to (d) no distinction can be made between the two.

(f) No.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Of course I understood from the foot-note in the notification that there is a proposal to shift the toll-gate. May I know when it will be effected?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I have submitted a report to the Government pointing out the place but orders have not been passed. I hope it will come into force from the 1st of Chingam.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Which is the said toll-gate?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—It is the toll-gate on the Koonamuchi road.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What is the object of toll-gates?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The object is for collecting revenue.

Enforcing the provisions of Sections 58 and 59 of the Stamp Manual.

298. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) has the Diwan Peishkar expressed himself recently against the propriety of enforcing the provisions of sections 58 and 59 of the Stamp Manual;

(b) is the Government aware that the same provisions which were in force in British India before have now been deleted from the Statute Book?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(a) The propriety of enforcing the provisions of sections 58 and 59 was never questioned. All that was said was the tendency ought to be to view violations of the provisions with some leniency.

(b) No.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to enquire whether they have been deleted in British India.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Of course, I will look into it

Representative, State Export Institute, Warsaw.

299. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan—(a) i. Will reference to the copy of the letter dated 16th May 1934 from Alexander Wygard Esqr., Representative, State Export Institute, Warsaw, Poland, in the Cochin Government Gazette of the 23rd Mithunam, are the Government aware if they had ever before received similar letters from similar quarters;

ii. if so, have such letters been published; if so, in which numbers of the Gazette;

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(b) besides publishing the above in the Cochin Government Gazette have such letters or the one in question been made public through any other source; if so, how;

(c) have the Government replied to the above letter or any of the previous ones, if there be any; if so, will they be pleased to place on the table the text of the replies to any such three letters?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) i. Yes, from the Board of Industries and Rural Development, Madras.

ii. No. But a separate notification was published in the Gazette, dated 23rd Mithunam 1109 informing the public of the facilities offered by the Board.

(b) Please see answer to (a) ii).

(c) Yes, copies of the replies given to the Secretary to the Board and to Mr. Alexander Wygard are appended. (*Appendix II.*)

Death of one Kartha of Cheranellur.

൯൦൦. മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. വള്ളോൻ.—(എ) ചേരാനെല്ലൂർകാരനായ ഒരു കത്താവിന്റെ അപമൃത്യുവിനെപ്പറ്റി കഷ്ടകത്തൊഴിലാളിയിൽ പ്രസ്ഥാവം ചെയ്തിരുന്ന മുഖപ്രസംഗം ഗവ മ്മെണ്ടിന്റെ ദൃഷ്ടിയിൽ പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ;

(ബി) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അതിനെപ്പറ്റി എന്തന്വേഷണം നടത്തി;

(സി) അന്വേഷണഫലമെന്ത്;

(ഡി) മൃതശരീരം എപ്പോഴാണ് ആസ്പത്രിയിൽ കൊണ്ടുവന്നത്;

(ഇ) പോസ്റ്റുമോർട്ടംകൊണ്ടു മരണകാരണം എന്തെന്നറിയുവാൻ സാധിച്ചുവോ;

(എഫ്) പോസ്റ്റുമോർട്ടം ചെയ്യുവാൻ താമസം നേരിട്ടാൽ മരണകാരണം ഗ്രഹിക്കുന്നതിനു പ്രയാസമായിതീരുമോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നീലകണ്ഠമേനോൻ.—(എ) കഷ്ടകത്തൊഴിലാളിയിൽ പ്രസിദ്ധം ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ള മുഖപ്രസംഗം ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിന്റെ ദൃഷ്ടിയിൽ പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ട്. പക്ഷെ അത് ഒരു കൃഷ്ണൻനായരുടെ മരണത്തെ സംബന്ധിച്ചാണ്.

(ബി) സംഗതി അന്വേഷണത്തിൽ ഇരിക്കുകയാണ്.

(സി), (ഡി), (ഇ). സംഗതി അന്വേഷണത്തിൽ ഇരിക്കുന്നതുകൊണ്ടു ഇപ്പോൾ ഉത്തരം പറവാൻ സാധിക്കുന്നില്ല.

(എഫ്) പ്രയാസമായിതീരും.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. വള്ളോൻ.—ഈ സംഭവം ഉണ്ടായിട്ട് എത്ര നാളായിരിയ്ക്കും?

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APPENDIX I

Letter B. 3716/1109, dated 9th April 1934, from the Diwan Peishkar.

Destruction of crops—stray cattle—complaint against—Talappalli Taluk.

The petitioners' complaint is against the unsympathetic and callous attitude shown by the rich people in allowing their cattle to stray and cause serious and incalculable damage to the crops raised by the agriculturists of the villages referred to in the petition. Their prayers for relief are two-fold.—(i) To arrest the mischief by enhancement of the penalty to Rs. 2 and (ii) to empower local Panchayats, upon a petition presented by the aggrieved party, to investigate and assess the damages and to recover damages, if any, awarded by summary process, by extending the provisions of the Revenue Recovery Regulation to such cases. The petitioners further assert that the cattle pounds are powerless in these matters to exercise any influence for the good as the amounts payable by the owners of cattle impounded and kept in the pounds are small and hence of very little deterrent effect.

2. With respect to the enhancement proposed, I have to state that the fine was once enhanced in 1102 by Notification dated 10th Mithunam 1102 (Dis. 1472/D—L. L. D). The fines now levied can by no means be regarded as inadequate and a further enhancement would work considerable hardship among cattle owners, without producing any tangible or appreciable effect.

3. As regards the other suggestion, I think that it would be dangerous to a certain extent to invest all the Panchayats of the State with the powers of investigation into and determination of damages in cases of alleged straying and their realisation by summary process, but in view of the fact that enquiries have elicited the fact that the agriculturists of the villages of Kunnamkulam firkah are the worst sufferers in this respect, I would suggest that the experiment may well be tried in a select group, Palanji for instance, after giving instructions to the Registrar of Village Panchayats, to keep a vigilant eye on the Panchayat.

4. The petitions are returned.

APPENDIX II.

Copy of letter to the Secretary, Buy Indian League, Madras.

I have the honour, by direction, to inform you that the Darbar is pleased to grant a donation of Rs. 750 for the current year. Arrangements are being made to send articles for exhibition and sale there. Government note that you will do all that is possible to popularise the goods and that you will render monthly accounts of the goods sent to you and remit the sale proceeds taking 6¼ % as your commission.

Copy of letter to Mr. Alexander Wygard.

I have the honour, by direction, to inform you that your letter has been ordered to be published in the Cochin Government Gazette for the information of those interested in the proposal. The Diwan regrets that nothing further can be done at present.

(True copies)

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